

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hiroaki KAWAI et al.

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For: COMMODITY INFORMATION MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



Group Art Unit: 2876

Examiner: D. LEE

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 10, 2000, extended to December 10, 2000 by a one (1) month Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Delete the current Abstract and replace therewith the attached substitute Abstract.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend the specification as follows:

Page 1, before line 3, insert --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--;

line 3, before "FIELD", insert --1.--;

line 7, after "and", insert --,--;